

Camp, Lee C. *Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2003.

The author of this book examines contemporary Christianity and its similar mind set to the principalities and powers that run this present evil world, including the USA. His main goal is to underscore the imperative of biblical non-violence as the only way Christians should live. He traces the church's willingness to fight and wage war back to 313 when Constantine took over the Roman empire and married it to the church. Up until then, the church was pacifist by nature following the words of Christ to be peace makers and to love your enemies. Ironically, non-violence has been an issue that has brought about much debate within the Christian community. If you choose to read this book, the author will push some of your buttons. This is good because it will force you to think through issues more thoroughly. If you disagree with the author, he will force you to defend your position with Scripture, not by pragmatic reasoning and practices. I benefitted from reading this thought-provoking author, specifically in the areas of how a Christian should respond to issues related to politics and war, as well as the American way of pursuing liberty and happiness.

Level: Medium

Theological Stance: Church of Christ

Rating: 8

Recommend? Yes